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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 8-12 and 15-22 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 15, 16, 17 and 20 are independent.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-7 (CANCELLED):

8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A data communication apparatus comprising:

a first transmission ~~means for transmitting data~~ unit, arranged to transmit a URL representing the existence of additional information to a transmission destination;

a reception ~~means for receiving~~ unit, arranged to receive a reply from the transmission destination for the URL transmitted by said first transmission ~~means~~ unit;

a generating unit, arranged to generate a Web page markup language file including the additional information to be accessed ~~based on the URL~~ by the transmission destination; and

a second transmission ~~means for transmitting~~ unit, arranged to transmit the Web page markup language file including the additional information based on ~~the basis of~~ the reply received by said reception ~~means~~ unit.

9 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said second transmission ~~means~~ unit transmits the additional information in a manner different from that of said first transmission ~~means~~ unit.

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10 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said second transmission ~~means~~ unit transmits the additional information to a terminal different from a terminal to which the data was transmitted by said first transmission ~~means~~ unit.

11 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a link to a location of the additional information is set in the data URL transmitted by said first transmission ~~means~~ unit.

12 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a processed content based on the reply received by said reception ~~means~~ unit is further transmitted to the transmission destination.

13-14 (CANCELLED):

15 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A data communication method comprising:

- a first transmission step of transmitting ~~data~~ a URL representing the existence of additional information to a transmission destination;
- a reception step of receiving a reply from the transmission destination for the ~~data~~ URL transmitted in said first transmission step;
- a generating step of generating a Web-page markup language file including the additional information to be accessed ~~based on the URL~~ by the transmission destination; and
- a second transmission step of transmitting the Web-page markup language file including the additional information based on the basis of the reply received in said reception step.

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16 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A computer readable program stored in a storage medium, comprising:

a first transmission step of causing ~~data~~ a URL representing the existence of additional information to be transmitted to a transmission destination;

a reception step of receiving a reply from the transmission destination for the ~~data~~ URL transmitted in said first transmission step;

a generating step of generating a Web page markup language file including the additional information to be accessed ~~based on the URL~~ by the transmission destination; and

a second transmission step of causing the Web page markup language file including the additional information to be transmitted based on ~~the basis of~~ the reply received in said reception step.

17 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A data communication method comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a received electronic mail;

a display step of displaying an image for display on the basis of a content recognized in said recognition step; and

an instruction step of instructing a transmission source a URL of the electronic mail recognized in said recognition step, to transmit a Web page markup language file including image data in a method other than the electronic mail so as to process the image displayed in said display step.

18 (ORIGINAL): A method according to Claim 17, wherein in said instruction step it is instructed to print the image.

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19 (ORIGINAL): A method according to Claim 17, wherein in said instruction step it is instructed to store the image data.

20 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A computer readable program stored in a storage medium, comprising:

a recognition step of causing a received electronic mail to be recognized;

a display step of displaying an image for display on the basis of a content recognized in said recognition step; and

an instruction step of instructing a transmission source a URL of the electronic mail recognized in said recognition step, to transmit a Web page language markup file including image data in a method other than the electronic mail so as to process the image displayed in said display step.

21 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): An apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising an input unit arranged to input image data, wherein the additional information is the image data input by said input unit.

22 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein further comprising a storage unit stores adapted to store the image data in a plurality of forms respective different image quality, and

wherein said second transmission unit transmits the image data each of the plurality of forms.